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Les Moore
United States Gypsum Company
81 North State Street
P.O. Box 570160
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Re: Release of Reclaimed Areas, United States Gypsum Company, Jumbo-Jensen Quarry, M/041/008, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Moore:

United States Gypsum Company (USGC) recently requested that certain reclaimed areas within the permitted area be released by the Division. Release of these areas would be necessary to allow USGC to initiate operations in other areas within the approved permit boundaries. A site inspection was required before we could release the reclaimed areas. On August 30, 2000, Doug Jensen and Lynn Kunzler of the Minerals staff inspected the Jumbo-Jensen Quarry to determine if the subject areas were adequately reclaimed.

The following areas were inspected and reclamation was determined sufficient to allow our release.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
3-1B	1.33
5B	2.68
6B	3.20
B4	1.58
F1	1.14
B5	1.22
D1	0.68
C2	0.83
C5	0.99
C6	0.67
Island	2.31
4A NW	3.26
Oil Well	2.90 (½ of the original 5.81 acres of disturbance assigned to this area)
Total	22.79

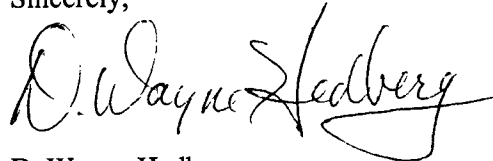
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The Division will remove these areas totaling 22.79 acres from US Gypsum's reclamation liability for the Jumbo-Jensen Quarry. It is our understanding that USGC is not requesting a release of the reclamation surety amount calculated for these areas. USGC prefers to allow the total bonded acreage and bond amount to remain in place to allow for future expansion of the present operation.

The present disturbed acreage at the site is 160.1 acres, according to a survey done by the company prior to our site inspection. The Jumbo-Jensen Quarry is presently permitted for a total of 155.6 acres. With the release of the areas described above, USGC can disturb an additional 18.3 acres and still remain within the presently permitted and bonded acreage. ***However, any future expansion that involves additional acreage will require submittal of a mine plan amendment first.*** We must approve of the proposed expansion before the disturbance actually occurs.

The Division appreciates USGC's reclamation efforts. We realize that revegetation success in an area such as yours requires time and careful attention to detail. We look forward to future dealings with your company and wish you luck in your future mining and reclamation ventures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "H" and "B".

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Pam Grubaugh-Littig, OGM
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